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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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INCREASING CASES OF ARTHRITIS AND OSTEOPOROSIS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of Arthritis and Osteoporosis diseases are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted to ascertain the exact number of persons affected by such diseases;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to provide special treatment to such patients in Government hospital/ Dispensaries; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS)

(a) to (d) As per information received from Indian Council of Medical Research, there is no time trend data available in the country to show that the cases of arthritis and osteoporosis are increasing. However, the increase in longevity in life span is expected to increase the cases of musculoskeletal disorders including arthritis and osteoporosis. The ICMR has initiated recently a multicentric task force project to study the magnitude and impact assessment of selected musculoskeletal disorders in adults in the community with a focus on osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and spinal disorders.

(e) & (f) All facilities to treat the patients of arthritis and osteoporosis diseases are available in the Safdarjang Hospital and Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital with adequate infrastructure.